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PLATING METHOD AND APPARATUS THAT CREATES A DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN ADDITIVE DISPOSED ON A TOP SURFACE AND A CAVITY SURFACE OF A WORKPIECE USING For:

AN INDIRECT EXTERNAL INFLUENCE

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the reference cited therein. The document listed thereon was cited in the Written Opinion (also enclosed) which was mailed to Applicants by the International Preliminary Examining Authority on November 4, 2002 for the PCT counterpart application. Please see the report for the degree of relevance (category) of the document and for the particular passages cited therefor.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Contingent Petition Under Rule 97(d): Should a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance issue with a mailing date which precedes or is the same as the filing date of this IDS, please consider this a Petition under Rule 97(d), charge the petition fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 042496-0259663 and proceed to consider this IDS under Rule 97(d).

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited, along with an early action on the merits.

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